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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Application No. 10/731,344
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on 16 December 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith

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being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

APPEAL BRIEF, HEADINGS

A review of the file indicates that the Appeal Brief filed 9 May 2008 does not comply with 37 CFR § 41.37(c) because it does not contain all required heading items. Specifically, 37 CFR § 41.37 (c)(1) requires the following heading items in the following order:

- (i) *Real party in interest.*
- (ii) *Related appeals and interferences.*
- (iii) *Status of claims.*
- (iv) *Status of amendments.*
- (v) *Summary of claimed subject matter.*
- (vi) *Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.*
- (vii) *Argument.*
- (viii) *Claims appendix.*
- (ix) *Evidence appendix.*
- (x) *Related proceedings appendix.*

Upon an in-depth review of the Appeal Brief indicates that the following sections are missing from the Appeal Brief filed 9 May 2008 and/or are not complete:

(ix) "Evidence appendix."

A substitute brief that is in compliance with § 41.37(c) is required. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1205.02 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to hold the Appeal Brief filed 9 May 2008 defective;
- 2) for appellant to file a substitute Appeal Brief in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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